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SUBJ: LOWER HOUSE CANDIDATES

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1. SPECIAL COMMISSIONER FOR ADMINISTRATION HAS TOLD US THAT THERE ARE 1172 CANIDATES WHOSE NAMES APPEAR ON THE BALLOTS IN THE LOWER HOUSE ELECTION. AS NOTED REFTEL, THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF WITHDRAWALS SINCE THE SECOND POSTING OF CANDIDATES' NAMES AND THE LAW DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR A FINAL CUT-OFF AFTER WHICH WITHDRAWALS ARE NOT LEGALLY POSSIBLE. HOWEVER, WE WILL CONSIDER THIS FIGURE OF 1172 "FINAL" AND

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2. THERE ARE THUS A RATIO OF 8.6 CANDIDATES PER LOWER HOUSE SEAT.

3. IN I CORPS, THERE ARE 108 CANDIDATES IN THE RACE FOR 19 SEATS; IN II CORPS, 266 FOR 34 SEATS; IN III CORPS, INCLUDING SAIGON AND GIA DINH, 540 FOR 44 SEATS; AND IN IV CORPS, THERE ARE 258 CANDIDATES COMPETING FOR 40 SEATS.
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